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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, DCI SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: DCID 1/14 Revision

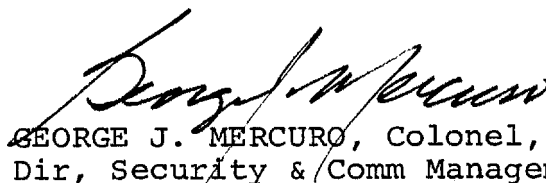
Reference is made to your 22 June 1981 memorandum, subject as above.

The Air Force does not support the SECOM proposal that all nominees for access to SCI be interviewed by trained personnel using the polygraph. We prefer to focus any possible polygraph use only on questions of espionage and security leaks. We have considered several alternatives which would do this and suggest the SECOM Investigative Standards Working Group (ISWG) be tasked to determine the manpower costs and feasibility of the following alternatives:

a. Polygraph all SCI cleared personnel every 3 to 5 years.  
Ask only questions regarding divulging SCI to unauthorized personnel (espionage, security leaks).

b. Random Polygraph. Polygraph a random sample (e.g., 15%) of the SCI population annually. Ask only questions regarding divulging SCI to unauthorized personnel (espionage, security leaks).

We believe judicious use of the polygraph would be an extremely valuable tool in enhancing SCI security if its use is focused directly on security issues (espionage, security leaks) instead of personal life style.

  
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USAF review(s) completed.